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Kevin HUENNEKENS et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2161  
Application No.: 09/897,775 ) Examiner: Unknown  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on June 29, 2001. We received the Notice of Publication of Application on January 2, 2003. However, to date, no further action on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has been forwarded.

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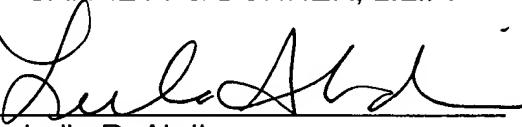
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In view of these circumstances, please advise the undersigned of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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